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Caregivers Support Group available

Being a caregiver is a difficult challenge and it is easy to feel overburdened by making financial decisions, managing changes in behavior or even helping a loved one with daily tasks that once were easy.

A free caregivers' support group is held on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming sessions will be July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home. The support group is facilitated by Kate Rabinoff, MSW, resident services coordinator.

To RSVP, please call Kate Rabinoff at 860-229-3707.

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Monthly Review

A monthly newsletter for residents and family members of Jerome Home and Arbor Rose

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Jerome Home and Arbor Rose – Celebrating the past, present and envisioning the future

By Lori Toombs,
 Jerome Home executive director

This year, Jerome Home celebrates 85 years of service to the Greater New Britain Community.

The seeds for the Jerome Home lie in the testament of its founder Mr. Augustus S. Jerome, who died at the age of 79 in 1905. Mr.



Historic photo of Jerome Home which opened in 1932.

Jerome gave of his estate as a trust fund for the establishment and maintenance of a home for the respectable, infirm aged men and women of New Britain and its vicinity. Mr. Jerome's desire was that the home be modeled on the Old People's Home of Hartford.

Applicants for admission to the home would contribute before a sum of money agreed upon between the applicant and the Home Manager. The home then undertook the responsibility for the maintenance of the applicants for the rest of their lives – home, food, medical attendance and care.

Some milestones:

In 1932, the doors to the now existing Attwood Residence opened.

In 1974, the first addition was built to create 60 rooms, now currently the east side of the Building.

In 1990, 30 additional rooms were built to create the North Neighborhood. These rooms were added to provide skilled nursing services to meet the needs of the community.

With a tradition of excellence, the opportunity to build Arbor Rose in 2008 became a reality. Opening its doors and quickly

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Save the Date!
 Jerome Home's 85th Year Celebration
 More details to follow in the September newsletter.

Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter honors Denise Lebrocquy and other women

For their commitment to advocate for and raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter recognized the 2017 Women's Champions at an awards breakfast held May 18 in West Hartford.

Among the women who were inducted into the Class of 2017 was Arbor Rose retirement counselor Denise Lebrocquy and two employees of Hartford HealthCare Senior Services: Heather Hitchcock, community outreach manager, and Patty O'Brian, dementia specialist, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

"Women's Champions are empowered to use their unique experience, passion and influence to advance the mission of the Alzheimer's Association through advocacy, education, outreach and philanthropy," according to the Alzheimer's Association Women's Champions Mission Statement. To qualify for the award, Women's Champions are asked to choose from three of five pillars from the Alzheimer's Association's strategic plan and complete a minimum of three activities per year.

Lebrocquy, Hitchcock, and O'Brian have worked tirelessly professionally and personally for the cause, said Jennifer Walker, vice president of communications and advocacy, Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter.

Walker noted that not only two-thirds of people with Alzheimer's disease are women but more than 60 percent of caregivers are female. "Women are at the epicenter of this crisis and will be the driver in the solution," Walker said.

"Our honorees have a real passion and commitment to help, educate and raise funds to fight this disease. They are inspiring," stated Wendy Martinson, program director, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging. "These women are tremendous assets to not only the Alzheimer's Association but our Hartford HealthCare Senior Services team."



From left, Women's Champions include Denise Lebrocquy, Arbor Rose; Heather Hitchcock, Hartford HealthCare Senior Services; and Patty O'Brian, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

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renting its 62 apartments to those who were independent, needing some assistance or support for those with dementia.

The pillar of Jerome Home has been its dedication to the seniors of our area and the reputation of service to them. Jerome Home remains a five-star community based on

staffing, quality measured by Medicare Services and our Annual State Survey.

We are proud of all that we have accomplished and look forward to celebrating with our residents, families and the community at large over the next few months.

Happy Anniversary, Jerome Home!



Thank you, friends of animals

In acknowledgement of our past and present pet therapy volunteers; the residents of the Jerome Home East One neighborhood have been working hard to help keep the tails wagging at the New Britain Animal Shelter by providing the dogs with handmade toys. Officer Joe Briganti of New Britain Animal Control visited with the residents and accepted the gifts on part of the dogs.

Left: Resident Helen S. presents a dog toy to Officer Joe Briganti.

Congratulations to all!



Arbor Rose and Jerome Home launches new website

To provide the public and family members with the most current information about Arbor Rose and Jerome Home, a new website has just been launched. The website has the web address of: www.jeromehome.com.

The site has easy-to-navigate features that enables the users to see an overview of the living options and lifestyle, contact administration, view photos and much more. Other selections include programs and activities, our short-term rehabilitation program, GoodLife Fitness, and career and volunteer opportunities.

Check it out!



Residents and staff alike recently received awards for their accomplishments.

Above: Maria Svitkova, LPN, Jerome Home, center, holds the 2017 Nightingale Award of Excellence that she received.

Left: Arbor Rose resident Ed Vater displays the CALA award he won from Connecticut Assisted Living Association in recognition of an original song he recorded.



Finished with a 300-350 piece jigsaw puzzle? Consider donating it to Arbor Rose for our residents. Please only donate complete puzzles. Thank you! - Donna Valente